



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

TRG
Docket No: 3702-00
13 December 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 December 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 14 September 1994 at age 18. The record shows that you were unauthorized absentee from 30 March to 21 April 1995, a period of about 21 days. There is no disciplinary action in the record for this offense. The documentation concerning your discharge processing is not filed in your service record. However, the record shows that you were issued a general discharge on 7 June 1995 by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. At that time you were assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, desire to serve in the National Guard and your claim that you have made a good post service adjustment. The Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge or a change in the reason for discharge. Although the discharge documentation is not in the record, the Board believed that an unauthorized absence of about 21 days, in a short period of service, was sufficient to support the issuance of a general discharge. As indicated, there is no evidence in the record, and you have submitted none, to show that that you were improperly

discharged by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. The Board concluded that the discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-3G or an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated based on a diagnosed personality disorder. Since you were assigned the least restrictive reenlistment code authorized by regulations, the Board concluded that a change in the reenlistment code was not warranted.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director